Amendments To Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (currently amended) A <u>computerized</u> method for providing a travel expense report to users, comprising:

receiving, at a transaction processor, a request for the travel expense report, wherein the request includes data selection criteria comprising a corporate transaction account provider identifier, an air sector, and a fare basis code, <u>and wherein the transaction processor is a host computer</u>;

parsing, <u>by the transaction processor,</u> the request to retrieve the data selection criteria from a natural language query in response to the request including the natural language query, wherein the data selection criteria includes metadata comprising <u>(i)</u> instructions for where to access travel transaction data, <u>(ii) instructions for where to access</u> ~~and~~ financial account data, <u>(iii)</u> ~~and~~ instructions for how to access the travel transaction data, <u>(iv)</u> ~~and~~ <u>instructions for how to access</u> the financial account data, <u>(v) instructions for retrieving travel transaction data, (vi) instructions for retrieving financial account data, (vii) protocols that are used to access the travel transaction data, (viii) protocols that are used to access the financial account data, (ix) a location identifier corresponding to a plurality of disparate travel sources, (x) protocol instructions for the plurality of disparate travel sources, (xi) a location identifier corresponding to a plurality of disparate financial sources, (xii) protocol instructions for the plurality of disparate financial sources, and (xiii) a defined relationship between attributes and metrics of the natural language query and target data sources</u>;

receiving, <u>at the transaction processor,</u> a categorized view instruction, wherein the categorized view instruction determines a data placement and format for the travel expense report;

formatting, <u>by the transaction processor,</u> the data selection criteria in accordance with the metadata, ~~wherein the metadata includes a location identifier corresponding to a plurality of disparate travel sources and protocol instructions for the plurality of disparate travel sources,~~ and wherein the plurality of disparate travel sources comprise at least one of: a Customer Reservations System (CRS) and an air carrier which store the travel transaction data including travel cost data;

~~formatting the data selection criteria in accordance with the metadata, wherein the~~ ~~metadata includes a location identifier corresponding to a plurality of disparate financial sources~~ ~~and protocol instructions for the plurality of disparate financial sources,~~ and wherein the plurality of disparate financial sources comprise financial account providers which store the financial transaction account data including financial charge data;

retrieving, by the transaction processor, the financial transaction account data, including the financial charge data, from at least one of the plurality of disparate financial sources in accordance with the data selection criteria;

retrieving, by the transaction processor, the travel transaction data from at least one of the plurality of disparate travel sources in accordance with the data selection criteria, wherein the travel transaction data includes the travel cost data, the air sectors, and the fare basis codes provided by the air carrier and, wherein the travel transaction data is obtained by the transaction processor;

adding, by the transaction processor, proprietary information to the financial transaction account data and the travel transaction data, wherein the proprietary information relates to a host supplier network;

adding, by the transaction processor, to the travel expense report, line item detail including the financial charge data from the financial transaction account data and from the travel transaction data;

positioning, by the transaction processor, each of the data elements in accordance with the categorized view instruction, wherein the data elements are marked as billed or unbilled;

conditioning, by the transaction processor, the data elements to transform the data elements into ~~to create~~ the travel expense report for transmission to a client; and

sending, by the transaction processor, the travel expense report to a client, wherein the client analyzes the travel expense report to determine a level of spend for a defined item over a defined time.

2.   (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the conditioning step includes converting the data elements from at least one of: the disparate travel sources or the disparate financial sources into a single format.

3.   (currently amended) The method of claim 2, further including ~~formatting~~ transforming the processed financial transaction account data into a report.

4.   (previously presented) The method of claim 3, further including:

receiving a query associated with the request;

processing the financial transaction account data and the travel transaction data to extract account data satisfying parameters of the query; and

sending the extracted account data to a client.

5.   (previously presented) The method of claim 4, further including formatting the extracted account data into a report.

6.   (currently amended) A computerized method for a user to obtain a travel expense report, comprising:

submitting, using a computerized input device, a request for the travel expense report, wherein the request includes data selection criteria comprising a corporate transaction account provider identifier, an air sector, and a fare basis code and, wherein the request causes a host processor to:

parse the request to retrieve the data selection criteria from a natural language query in response to the request including the natural language query, wherein the data selection criteria includes metadata comprising (i) instructions for where to access travel transaction data, (ii) instructions for where to access ~~and~~ financial account data, (iii) ~~and~~ instructions for how to access the travel transaction data, (iv) ~~and~~ instructions for how to access the financial account data, (v) instructions for retrieving travel transaction data, (vi) instructions for retrieving financial account data, (vii) protocols that are used to access the travel transaction data, (viii) protocols that are used to access the financial account data, (ix) a location identifier corresponding to a plurality of disparate travel sources, (x) protocol instructions for the plurality of disparate travel sources, (xi) a location identifier corresponding to a plurality of disparate financial sources, (xii) protocol instructions for the plurality of disparate financial sources, and (xiii) a defined relationship between attributes and metrics of the natural language query and target data sources;

receive a categorized view instruction, wherein the categorized view instruction

determines a data placement and format for the travel expense report;

format the data selection criteria in accordance with the metadata, ~~wherein the metadata includes a location identifier corresponding to a plurality of disparate travel sources and protocol instructions for the plurality of disparate travel sources, and~~ wherein the plurality of disparate travel sources comprise at least one of: a Customer Reservations System (CRS) and an air carrier which store the travel transaction data including travel cost data;

format the data selection criteria in accordance with the metadata, ~~wherein the metadata includes a location identifier corresponding to a plurality of disparate financial sources and protocol instructions for the plurality of disparate financial sources,~~ and wherein the plurality of disparate financial sources comprise financial account providers which store the financial transaction account data including financial charge data;

retrieve the financial transaction account data, including the financial charge data, from at least one of the plurality of disparate financial sources in accordance with the data selection criteria;

retrieve the travel transaction data from at least one of the plurality of disparate travel sources in accordance with the data selection criteria, wherein the travel transaction data includes the travel cost data, the air sectors, and the fare basis codes provided by the air carrier and, wherein the travel transaction data is obtained by the transaction processor;

add proprietary information to the financial transaction account data and the travel transaction data, wherein the proprietary information relates to a host supplier network;

condition the data elements to <u>transform the data elements into</u> ~~create~~ the travel expense <u>report</u>, wherein the travel expense report includes line item detail including financial charge data from the financial transaction account data and travel transaction data;

position each of the data elements in accordance with the categorized view instruction, wherein the data elements are marked as billed or unbilled; and

send the travel expense report to a client, wherein the client analyzes the travel expense report to determine a level of spend for a defined item over a defined time.

7.   (previously presented) The method of claim 6, wherein the condition step includes converting the financial transaction account data and the transaction data from the disparate travel sources and the disparate financial sources into a single format.

8.   (previously presented) The method of claim 7, further including receiving the travel expense report within a formatted report.

9.   (previously presented) The method of claim 8, further including:

submitting a query associated with the request, wherein the query causes the host to process the retrieved transaction financial account data and the travel transaction data to extract account data satisfying parameters of the query; and

receiving the extracted account data.

10.   (previously presented) The method of claim 9, further including receiving the extracted account data within a formatted report.

11.   (currently amended) A system for providing an on-line travel expense report, ~~the system configured to~~ comprising:

~~a computer useable medium having computer readable program code means embodied is said medium, said computer program product:~~

~~a processor for receiving~~ receive a request for the travel expense report, wherein the request is created at a computerized input device and is received by the system over a computer network, and wherein the request includes data selection criteria comprising a corporate transaction account provider identifier, an air sector, and a fare basis code;

~~a processor for parsing~~ parse the request to retrieve the data selection criteria from a natural language query in response to the request including the natural language query, wherein the data selection criteria includes metadata comprising (i) instructions for where to access travel transaction data, (ii) instructions for where to access ~~and~~ financial account data, (iii) ~~and~~ instructions for how to access the travel transaction data, (iv) ~~and~~ instructions for how to access the financial account data, (v) instructions for retrieving travel transaction data, (vi) instructions for retrieving financial account data, (vii) protocols that are used to access the travel transaction data, (viii) protocols that are used to access the financial account data, (ix) a location identifier corresponding to a plurality of disparate travel sources, (x) protocol instructions for the plurality of disparate travel sources, (xi) a location identifier corresponding to a plurality of disparate financial sources, (xii) protocol instructions for the plurality of disparate financial sources, and (xiii) a defined relationship between attributes and metrics of the natural language query and

target data sources;

a processor for receiving receive a categorized view instruction, wherein the categorized view instruction determines a data placement and format for the travel expense report;

a processor for formatting format the data selection criteria in accordance with the metadata, wherein the metadata includes a location identifier corresponding to a plurality of disparate travel sources and protocol instructions for the plurality of disparate travel sources; and wherein the plurality of disparate travel sources comprise at least one of: a Customer Reservations System (CRS) and an air carrier which store the travel transaction data including travel cost data;

a processor for formatting the data selection criteria in accordance with the metadata, wherein the metadata includes a location identifier corresponding to a plurality of disparate financial sources and protocol instructions for the plurality of disparate financial sources, and wherein the plurality of disparate financial sources comprise financial account providers which store the financial transaction account data including financial charge data;

a processor for retrieving retrieve, from a database, the financial transaction account data, including the financial charge data, from at least one of the plurality of disparate financial sources in accordance with the data selection criteria;

a processor for retrieving retrieve the travel transaction data from at least one of the plurality of disparate travel sources in accordance with the data selection criteria, wherein the travel transaction data includes the travel cost data, the air sectors, and the fare basis codes provided by the air carrier and, wherein the travel transaction data is obtained by the transaction processor;

a processor for adding add proprietary information to the financial transaction account data and the travel transaction data, wherein the proprietary information relates to a host supplier network;

a processor for adding add to the travel expense report, line item detail including the financial charge data from the financial transaction account data and from the travel transaction data;

a processor for adding position each of the data elements in accordance with the categorized view instruction, wherein the data elements are marked as billed or unbilled;

a processor for conditioning the data elements to create the travel expense report for transmission to a client; and

~~a processor for adding~~ <u>send</u> the travel expense report to a client, wherein the client analyzes the travel expense report to determine a level of spend for a defined item over a defined time.

12.   (currently amended) <u>A computer readable medium, tangibly embodied with instructions which, when executed by a computer, perform the steps comprising:</u> ~~A system for a client to obtain travel expense report, comprising:~~

~~a processor for having computer readable program code means embodied is said medium, said computer program product having~~:

~~a processor for submitting~~ <u>receiving</u> a request for account data;

~~a processor for having data retrieved~~ <u>retrieving data</u> from multiple sources to obtain the account data;

~~a processor for having the account data conditioned~~ <u>conditioning the account data</u> for transmission to ~~the~~ <u>a</u> client <u>computer</u>; ~~and~~

~~a processor for~~ receiving the requested account data on-line<u>;</u> [[.]]

~~a processor for~~ submitting a request ~~by the client~~ for account data, wherein the request includes data selection criteria comprising a corporate transaction account provider identifier, an air sector, and a fare basis code and, wherein the request causes a host to:

parse the request to retrieve the data selection criteria from a natural language query in response to the request including the natural language query, wherein the data selection criteria includes metadata~~, and wherein the metadata comprises~~ <u>comprising (i)</u> instructions for where to access travel transaction data<u>, (ii) instructions for where to access</u> ~~and~~ financial account data<u>, (iii)</u> ~~and~~ instructions for how to access the travel transaction data<u>, (iv)</u> ~~and~~ <u>instructions for how to access</u> the financial account data<u>, (v) instructions for retrieving travel transaction data, (vi) instructions for retrieving financial account data, (vii) protocols that are used to access the travel transaction data, (viii) protocols that are used to access the financial account data, (ix) a location identifier corresponding to a plurality of disparate travel sources, (x) protocol instructions for the plurality of disparate travel sources, (xi) a location identifier corresponding to a plurality of disparate financial sources, (xii) protocol instructions for the plurality of disparate financial sources, and (xiii) a defined relationship between attributes and metrics of the natural language query and target data sources;</u>

receive a categorized view instruction, wherein the categorized view instruction determines a data placement and format for the travel expense report;

format the data selection criteria in accordance with the metadata, ~~wherein the metadata includes a location identifier corresponding to a plurality of disparate travel sources and protocol instructions for the plurality of disparate travel sources, and~~ wherein the plurality of disparate travel sources comprise at least one of: a Customer Reservations System (CRS) and an air carrier which store the travel transaction data including travel cost data;

~~format the data selection criteria in accordance with the metadata, wherein the metadata includes a location identifier corresponding to a plurality of disparate financial sources and protocol instructions for the plurality of disparate financial sources, and~~ wherein the plurality of disparate financial sources comprise financial account providers which store the financial transaction account data including financial charge data;

retrieve the financial transaction account data, including the financial charge data, from at least one of the plurality of disparate financial sources in accordance with the data selection criteria;

retrieve the travel transaction data from at least one of the plurality of disparate travel sources in accordance with the data selection criteria, wherein the travel transaction data includes the travel cost data, the air sectors, and the fare basis codes provided by the air carrier and, wherein the travel transaction data is obtained by the transaction processor;

add proprietary information to the financial transaction account data and the travel transaction data, wherein the proprietary information relates to a host supplier network;

condition the data elements to <u>transform the data elements into a</u> ~~create the~~ travel expense <u>report</u>, wherein the travel expense report includes line item detail including financial charge data from the financial transaction account data and travel transaction data;

position each of the data elements in accordance with the categorized view instruction, wherein the data elements are marked as billed or unbilled; and

send the travel expense report to [[a]] <u>the</u> client <u>computer</u>, wherein <u>a user</u> the client <u>computer</u> analyzes the travel expense report to determine a level of spend for a defined item over a defined time.

13.   (currently amended) The method of claim [[1]] 5, wherein the disparate financial sources include regional providers of the corporate transaction account that operate as at least one of: a wholly owned organization, a franchise, and a partnership.

14.   (currently amended) The method of claim [[1]] 13, wherein loyalty points are applied to said travel cost data in order to offset the financial charge data in an amount equal to a value of said loyalty points.